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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ACTION PROGRAM

REF: STATE 66719

FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN REPLY TO REFTEL AND PARAGRAPHS
NUMBERED ACCORDINGLY:

1. THE EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY BEEN ADVISED BY GOL THAT
IT PREPARED SEND TWO SENIOR OFFICERS FROM JUDICIAL
POLICE TO ATTEND POLICE EXECUTIVE TRAINING THIS FY.
WE HAVE NOT FORMALIZED THIS INVITATION PENDING THE
DEPT'S ADVICE ON WHO PAYS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. CABLE
REPLY THIS QUESTION REQUESTED SOONEST GIVEN LATE DATE.

2. RE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, EMBASSY TRANSMITTING
BY AIRGRAM SHORTLY LEBANESE ARMY COMMUNICATIONS STUDY OF
NEEDS OF LEBANESE CUSTOMS. WE BELIEVE AFTER WASHINGTON
HAS REVIEWED THIS IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST PROCEED BEIRUT AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. LEBANESE
OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME SUCH VISIT AND PERHAPS USE IT
FOR SEPARATE GOL PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS THIS FY. PLEASE
ADVISE WHEN TRIP PLANNED.

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3. GOL ANTI- DRUG ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTED AT PRESENT AS INTEGRATED US CUSTOMS- BNDD WILL BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1973, I. E. CUSTOMS PATROL EFFORTS ARE NOT ONLY DRUG RELATED BUT COVER ALL SMUGGLING OPERATIONS. ALL CUSTOMS DRUG SEIZURES MUST BE TURNED OVER TO POLICE NARCOTICS SQUAD FOR FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION. CARS FURNISHED GOL CUSTOMS WILL NECESSARILY PERFORM OTHER COLLATERAL FUNCTIONS. IF THIS REALITY DOES NOT SATISFY US ANTI- DRUG LEGISLATION THEN CARS MUST BE DELETED FROM OUR ACTION PROGRAM.

4. WE ARE MOST ANXAIOUS TO SECURE SOONEST REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, PARTICULARLY DRAFT AGREEMENT IN ORDER DETERMINE IF IT REQUIRES PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL. WE WOULD HOPE SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OR MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. AS ALTERNATIVE WE BELIEVE USG/ LEBANESE AID BILATERAL STILL VALID IN SO FAR AS

WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE IT HAS BEEN RESCINDED BY EITHER SIDE AND AID REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUE TO BE GRANTED CUSTOMS PRIVILEGES ETC UNDER ITS PROVISIONS. ON OTHER HAND REALIZE THIS AGREEMENT MAY NOT COVER GRANT FOR NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT.

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